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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Please consider the attached English language references which have come to Applicant's attention from the International Search Report and the English language references as stated in the specification. A copy of the International Search Report is also attached.

- EP 0 985 621 A2 discloses yarn threading methods for a take-up winder. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 and 18.

- EP 0 359 453 A2 discloses a method of automatically transferring an elastic yarn from a full-bobbin to an empty-bobbin. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 and 18.

- EP 0 564 400 B1discloses an apparatus for interlacing multifilament yarns. The reference has been cited on Page 2 of the Application text. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- JP 3,279,437 discloses to reduce the fluctuation in the tensions of a fed elastic yarn in an interlacing zone by treating the surface of a feeding roller in a specific state. No full

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Consideration of the above references is requested.

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Enclosed: PTO-1449 Form
copy of International Search Report
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